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1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR CHANGES AND THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE
FRG. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED UK CHANGE AS
IT IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE BASIC INTENT OF THE PAPER.

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2. FYI. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO SENDING DRC/N(77)27 TO THE
DPC; HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE WHAT THE DPC WILL DO WITH IT
OTHER THAN TO NOTE IT UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. AS WE
UNDERSTAN THE SITUATION, THE UK REP TO THE DRC ON 10 OCT
77,-DRC/DS(77)8, INVITED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NFPDB TO
SUBMIT A STATUS REPORT TO THE DRC. AT THE OCTOBER FDMA
MEETING, THE UK REP INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT HE WAS

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UK DRC REP'S REQUEST. HE SAW IT AS A WAY OF GETTING HIGHER ECHELON UK MOD SUPPORT AND THUS THE RESOURCES TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NFPDB. AT THAT SAME TIME, SEVERAL OTHER FDMA REPS (FRG,DEN)

INDICATED THAT THE DRC DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VISIBILITY WITHIN THEIR MOD'S AND THEY WOULD LIKE THE NFPDB TO RECEIVE DPC ATTENTION. THE UK REP STRONGLY ENDORSED THIS IDEA, HENCE THE CURRENT REPORT TO THE DPC. END FYI.

3. IF DPC ATTENTION WOULD ACTUALLY ASSIST NATIONS IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE NFPDB AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS ARE ENVISIONED, THEN MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DRC CONSIDER INVITING MUMFORD TO BRIEF THE DPC AS PART OF DPC REVIEW OF DRC/N(77)27. THIS WOULD SEEM MORE USEFUL THAN A DPC NOTED ACTION UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. VANCE

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